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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 22 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 60th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A 54/445) [35]

2. Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

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      (ii) Draft resolution (A 54/L.31)

   (b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A 54/461)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A 54/L.28)

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

(c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas":

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

1. Report of the coordinators/facilitators on the status of consultations on the following draft proposals:

A/C.2/54/L.2 (Debt); A/C.2/54/L.3 (Poverty); A/C.2/54/L.8 (Desertification); A/C.2/54/L.15 (Biological diversity); A/C.2/54/L.18 (Global climate); A/C.2/54/L.19 (Globalization); A/C.2/54/L.22 (Linkages and synergies); A/C.2/54/L.23 (Small island developing States); A/C.2/54/L.25 (International Conference on Financing for Development); A/C.2/54/L.34 (Business and development); A/C.2/54/L.35 (Business and development); A/C.2/54/L.36 (International trade and development); A/C.2/54/L.37 (Landlocked developing countries); A/C.2/54/L.38 (Net transfer of resources); A/C.2/54/L.39 (Least developing countries)

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daul Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 *(item 100 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.29 *(item 100 (b))*

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.35 *(item 98 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*, A/C.2/54/L.9 *(item 99 (g))* and A/C.2/54/L.10 *(item 99 (d))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.4 *(item 97 (d))*, A/C.2/54/L.30 *(item 102)*, A/C.2/54/L.31 *(item 12)* and A/C.2/54/L.40 *(item 97 (c))*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	55th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	56th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.62 (and amendments in L.101), L.71/Rev.1, L.79, L.84 and L.85

2. Human rights questions [116]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.63, L.81 (and amendments in L.93), L.82 (and amendments in L.97) and L.86 (and amendments in L.96)

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114] (A/54/18 and Add.1)

4. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on document A/C.3/54/L.100

5. Closure of the work for the session

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/53/688, A/54/434, A/54/483 and A/C.5/54/24))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Observer Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC)

2. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.21 (Women in development) (item 99(c)) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2550.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 22 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

(on item 110 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women))

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E
Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

* Following the adjournment of the 55th meeting of the Third Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 56th meeting of the Third Committee.

GROUP OF 77

(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(coordination meeting on all pending issues)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP

(on Fifth Committee matters)

6.15 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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The meeting of the Working Group of the African Ministers of Civil Service for the follow-up of the Rabat Declaration, organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 22 November 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a closed meeting of the South Pacific Countries (SOPAC) on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Special meeting

There will be a (closed) meeting of an Ad Hoc Expert Group on "Revisiting the Diversification of African Economies in the New Global Context", organized by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), on Monday, 22 November, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ademola Oyejide, Professor of Economics at the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) and former member of the Committee for Development Policy. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade (tel. (212) 963-4420).

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Panel discussions

A panel entitled "NGOs for Women 2000 (Beijing+5): Setting Targets", organized by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mrs. Yakin Ertürk, Director of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Mrs. Patricia Flor, Chair, Commission on the Status of Women, Mrs. Christine Kapalata, Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania, and Mrs. Rose Odera, Chair, Preparatory Committee for Beijing+5, will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are welcome to attend.

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President, World Bank, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously scheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 29 (a)

The delegation of Sweden invites all delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations", to be held on Tuesday, 23 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 29 November 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2

All representatives of Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as observers, are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 29 November, to Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Yoom ilak, Yoom aleik: Palestinian Refugees from Jerusalem, 1948: Heritage, Eviction and Hope", and "Mahmoud Darwish: As The Land is The Language". Both films will be shown on Monday, 29 November, 6 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium. The film on Mahmoud Darwish can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 30 November, to Friday, 10 December, during exhibit hours.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place on Monday, 6 December, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November [illegible] during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of a political declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, Haiti, the United States, Ethiopia, New Zealand and Australia.

The coordinator for the draft convention on nuclear terrorism, Ms. Cate Steains, (Australia), presented an oral report.

Statements were also made by Armenia, Azerbaijan and the Sudan in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee concluded its debate on item 160.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [157]

The Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the report of the Committee contained in document A/54/26.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Japan, Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, China, the Russian Federation and the United States.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.17

The representative of Cyprus introduced the draft resolution and orally revised it.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.17, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 157.

Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal [161]

Action on draft decision A/C.6/54/L.20

The representative of the United Kingdom introduced the draft decision.

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/54/L.20 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 161.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.6

The representative of New Zealand introduced the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.6 without a vote.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.16

The representative of Canada introduced the draft resolution and orally revised it.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Cuba, Pakistan, Iraq and Yemen in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States spoke on a point of order.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.16, as orally revised and corrected, without a vote.

The representative of the Sudan spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representative of France made a concluding statement.

Friday, 19 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4070th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1242 (1999) (S/1999/1162 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 17 November 1999 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (S/1999/1177)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1180, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1999/1180).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, France, China, the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States, Argentina, the Netherlands, the Gambia, Brazil and Malaysia.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a further statement.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1180) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1275 (1999).

Following the vote, a statement was made by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Slovenia.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

58th plenary meeting

A statement on the occasion of the tenth African Industrialization Day

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/445) [35]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Slovenia, Argentina, New Zealand, Israel, Cambodia and Ecuador.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 57th plenary meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly was informed that a draft resolution under agenda item 35 would be submitted at a later date.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/619) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [20 (a)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/154 and Add.1)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.17/Rev.1)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries and regions [20 (b)]:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/129/Rev.1, A/54/130/Rev.1, A/54/153, A/54/278, A/54/294, A/54/295, A/54/296, A/54/350, A/54/421, A/54/462, A/54/534)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.29)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster [20 (c)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/449)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.22)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/217) [20 (d)]:

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/134) [20 (e)]

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 20.

The representative of Greece made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.17/Rev.1.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in the course of which he also introduced draft resolution A/54/L.17/Rev.1.

The representative of Belarus made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.22.

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.29.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Japan and the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. Octavio Frigerio, Secretary of International Humanitarian Assistance "White Helmets" of Argentina; and by the representative of Algeria.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that sub-item (f) of agenda item 20 (Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan), would be considered together with agenda item 50 at a later date.

59th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/619) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [20 (a)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/154 and Add.1)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.17/Rev.1)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries and regions [20 (b)]:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/129/Rev.1, A/54/130/Rev.1, A/54/153, A/54/278, A/54/294, A/54/295, A/54/296, A/54/350, A/54/421, A/54/462, A/54/534)

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(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/217) [20 (d)]

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/134) [20 (e)]

Statements were made by the representative of India; H.E. Mr. Serguei Khetagurov, Vice-Minister for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disaster of the Russian Federation; the representatives of Chile, Mexico, Norway and China; H.E. Mr. Yurii Samoilenko, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Environmental and Chernobyl Problems of Ukraine; and by the representatives of Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, Brazil, Palestine, Egypt and Nigeria.

Programme of work

The Vice-President informed the General Assembly that the document A/INF/54/3/Add.3 contained the tentative programme of work and that the Assembly would be kept informed of other agenda items, as well as of any addition or changes.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 53rd and 54th meetings

Note: The summary of the 53rd and 54th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/225).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 39th meeting

Human resources management [164]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/450).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General contained in A/53/955, A/54/257, A/54/272, A/54/276, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/54/164 and A/C.5/54/4 and the notes by the Secretary-General contained in A/C.5/54/2, A/54/165 and A/C.5/54/21.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mozambique, Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Chile and the Russian Federation.

Statements were also made by the President of the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (CCIUSA) and by the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants Associations (FICSA).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management replied to questions raised.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

Human resources management [164]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Gratis personnel

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/470) relating to document A/53/1028 and also orally introduced the report of that Committee as relating to document A/54/533.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/1028 and A/54/533).

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned- Movement) made a statement.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/54/30)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee and Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

The report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/54/30) was before the Committee in document A/54/434.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to consider and take action on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission in the context of its consultations on the report of the International Civil Service Commission.

Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee and Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/7/Add.2).

The report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999 was before the Committee in document A/54/443.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Cuba and India.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica regarding her previous requests and Algeria on the problem of asbestos in the Secretariat Building.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to the work programme for the week of 22 to 26 November.

The representative of Egypt, Vice-Chairman and coordinator of informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B), also made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Brazil, Morocco and Uganda.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152]

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (Rio Group), Japan, Myanmar, the Republic of Korea, Burkina Faso, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, France, Ukraine, the Netherlands and South Africa.

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [158]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.8/Rev.1

The representative of the Netherlands introduced the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.8/Rev.1 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 158.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.19

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Germany before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.19 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 152.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [153]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.14

The representative of Ghana introduced the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Solomon Islands before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.14 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 153.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1

The representative of Colombia introduced the draft resolution.

Statements were made by Finland and Côte d'Ivoire before the vote on operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted operative paragraph 10 by a recorded vote of 111 to 1, with 4 abstentions.

The representative of the United States spoke in explanation of the vote after the adoption of operative paragraph 10.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1 without at vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and the United Republic of Tanzania after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 155.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1999

409th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the initial report of the Uzbekistan.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item in closed session.

The Chairman then declared closed the twenty-third session of the Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1999

36th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee continued and concluded the public part of its consideration of the second periodic report of Argentina (E/1990/6/Add.16). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

The Committee then met with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

37th meeting

Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee discussed the state of the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Solomon Islands (without report) with the participation of a representative of the Government.

Statements were made by the representatives of the International Monetary Fund, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The observers of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also participated in the discussion: Centre for Housing Rights and Evictions, Amnesty International and International Commission of Jurists.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Nicaragua (18 November 1999)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Ratification: Nicaragua (18 November 1999)*

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Ratification: Ukraine (18 November 1999)*

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Protocol is scheduled to be open for signature by States members of the Economic Commission for Europe as well as States having consultative status with the Economic Commission for Europe, pursuant to paragraph 8 of Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV) of 28 March 1947, and by regional economic integration organizations, constituted by sovereign States members of the Economic Commission for Europe, which have competence in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and application of international agreements in matters covered by the Protocol, provided that the States and organizations concerned are Parties to the Convention and are listed in annex II, at Gothenburg (Sweden) on 30 November and 1 December 1999 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 30 May 2000, in accordance with its article 14.

Delegations intending to sign the Protocol are advised to submit, as necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section (room S-3200; tel: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania will hold a memorial service to pay tribute to the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, on Tuesday, 23 November 1999, at 5.30 p.m. at the Holy Family Church (315 East 47th Street). All are invited.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Abdallah Baali

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Kitts and Nevis
H.E. Mr. Joseph Christmas
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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